



ARE YOU...

...THE KING OF
THE DEAD?



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YOU COULD LIVE
IN THIS WORLD
FOREVER IF YOU
WANTED TO.

IT WOULD BE LIKE
NEVER WAKING UP
FROM A HAPPY
DREAM.



YOU WANT ME TO
REMAIN TRAPPED IN
THIS ILLUSION YOU
CREATED?

NO, I AM NOT THE
CREATOR OF THIS
WORLD.

YOU ARE.



I CREATED
THIS WORLD?

YOUR DESIRE TO
CORRECT YOUR MISTAKES,
COMBINED WITH MY
POWER...

THAT IS WHAT
CREATED THIS
WORLD.

THIS IS MY
DOMAIN.

THIS IS ETERNAL
SLUMBER...



DEATH.



I HAVE BEEN
WATCHING YOU FOR
A LONG TIME, FOR
FAR LONGER THAN
YOU MIGHT THINK.

EVEN THOUGH
YOU WERE CLOSER
TO DEATH'S DOOR
THAN ANYONE ELSE,
YOU DESPERATELY
RESISTED IT.



I AM THE
RECORD OF YOUR
STRUGGLES, THE
EVIDENCE OF YOUR
RESISTANCE, AND
THE REWARD FOR
YOUR PAIN.

I AM ALSO DEATH,
ETERNAL SLUMBER,
AND TERROR.



SWISH

I AM...





YOU MAY TURN
ANYTHING THAT IS A
PART OF MY DOMAIN
INTO YOURS...



...AND ABSORB
MY POWERS FROM
THEM.

WITHER


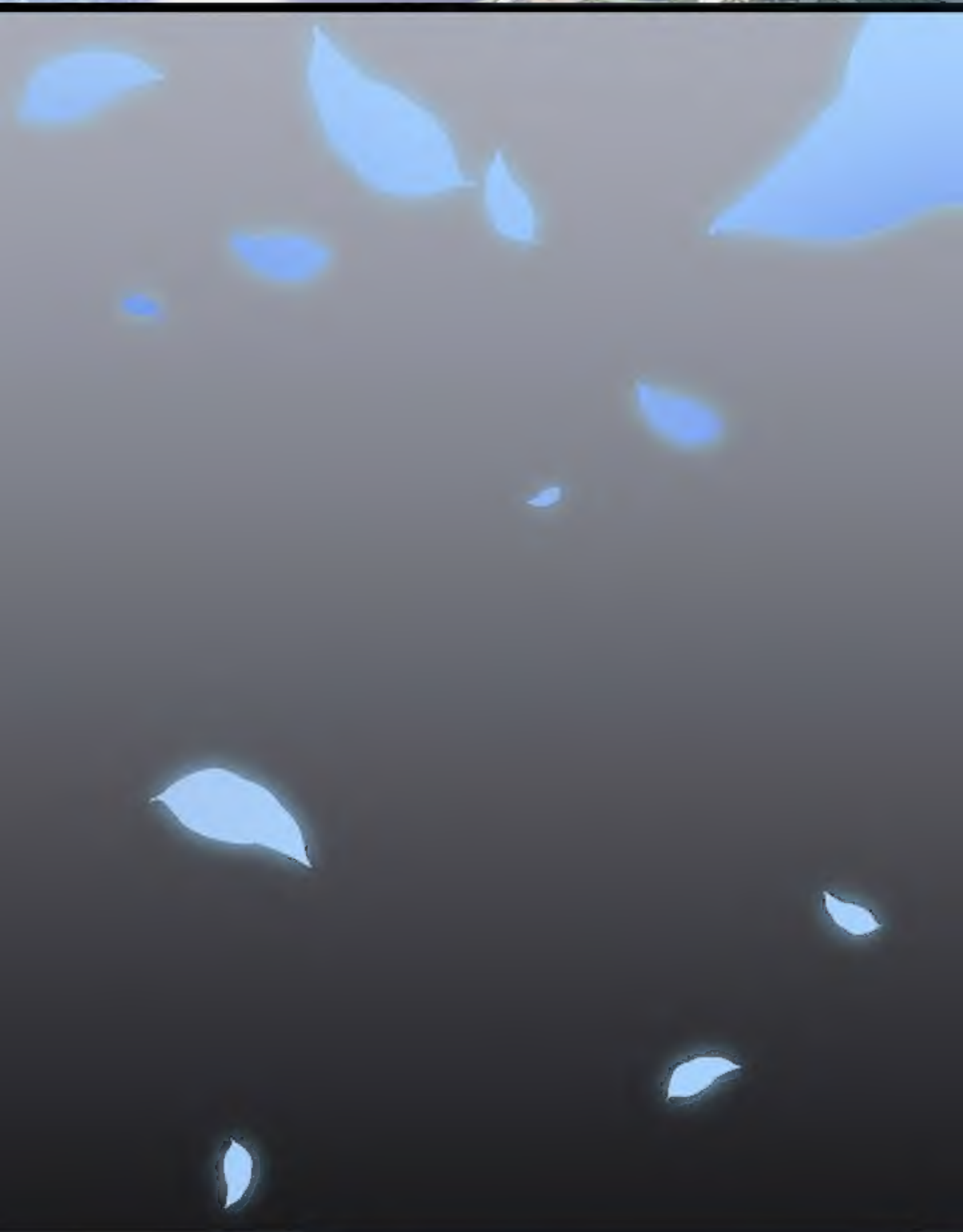


ALTHOUGH THIS
IS ONLY POSSIBLE
WITHIN YOUR OWN
DOMAIN,

YOU HAVE THE
ABILITY TO CREATE,
DESTROY, AND
CHANGE THE
WORLD...



IT'S AN
OMNIPOTENT
POWER.



SO YOU'RE SAYING
WE POSSESS THE
SAME POWER?




I HAVE WAITED
A LONG TIME TO
MEET YOU.



I AM THE
MONARCH OF
SHADOWS.

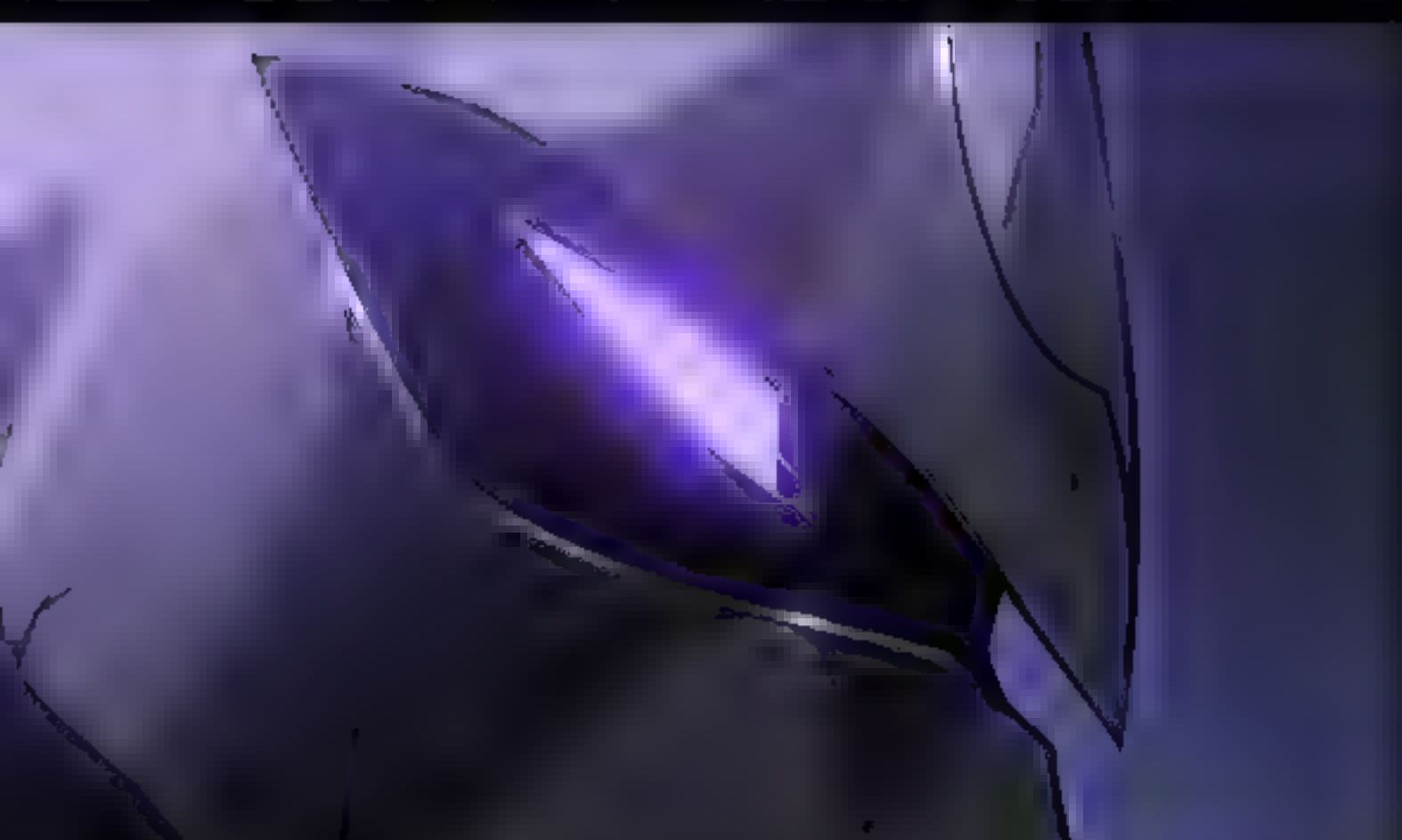
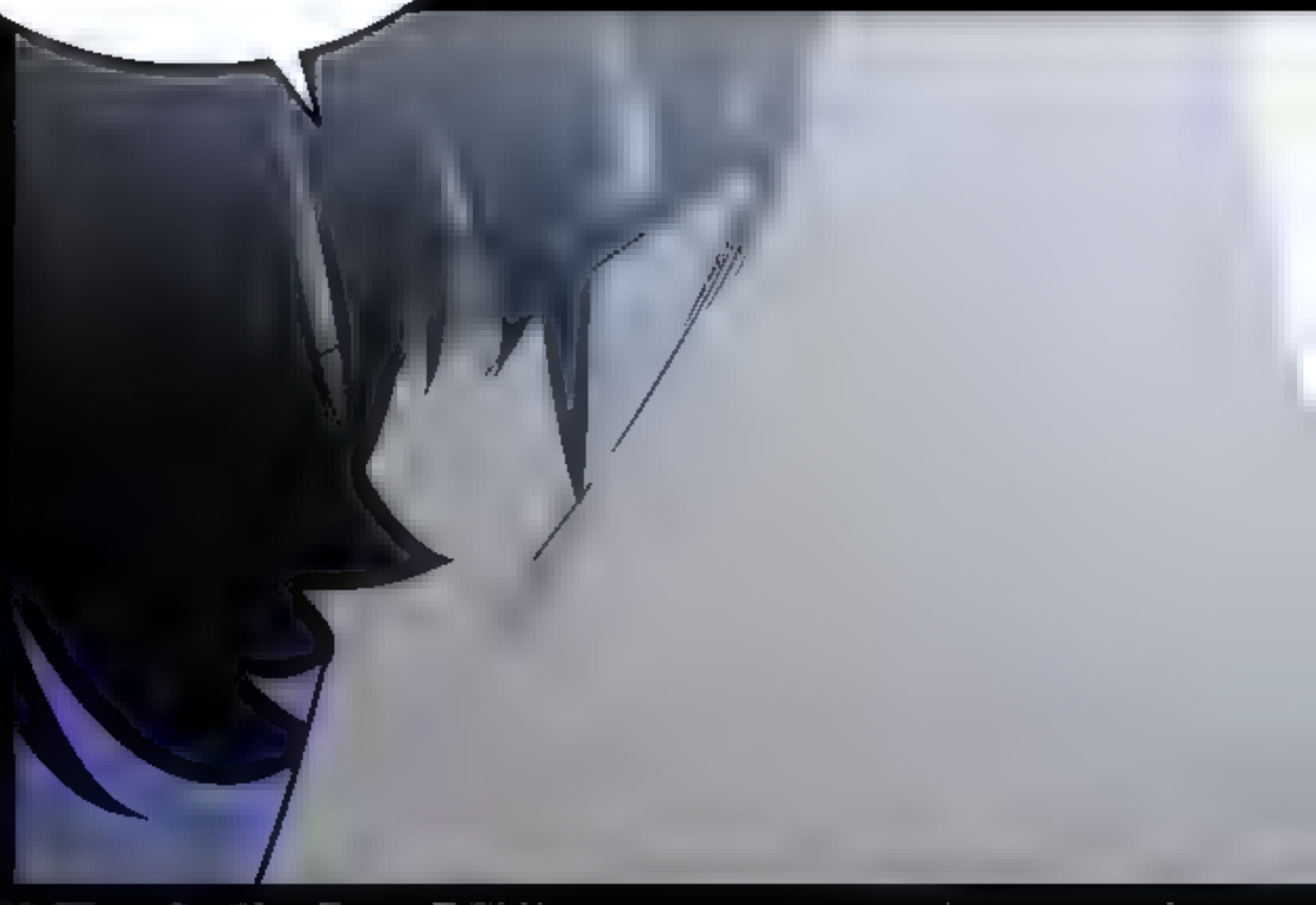




THE KING OF THE
DEAD, WHO RULES
OVER DEATH...

...AND
GOVERNS THE
DEEPEST DEPTHS
OF DARKNESS.

WHY... ME?



I WILL SHOW
YOU WHY.



I WILL SHOW YOU
OUR BEGINNING
AND END...

...AS WELL AS
YOUR BEGINNING.





SNIFF
SNIFF

HE HAS
DEFINITELY
STOPPED
BREATHING.



HEY... I CAN'T
FEEL SUNG JINWOO'S
PRESENCE ANYMORE.
IT DISAPPEARED.


WHAT
HAPPENED?

W, WELL...



IMPOSSIBLE...

THAT MEANS
THERE'S NOBODY
TO STOP THOSE
BEASTS...



DAMN IT,
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE LISTENED
TO THAT GUY!

MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO
LATE. WE MIGHT STILL
HAVE A CHANCE AT
STOPPING THEM IF WE
SHELL THEM...!

NO, WE HAVE TO
STOP THEM!

EVEN THE NATIONAL
LEVEL HUNTERS HAVE
FAILED, SO THERE'S NO
GOING BACK NOW!



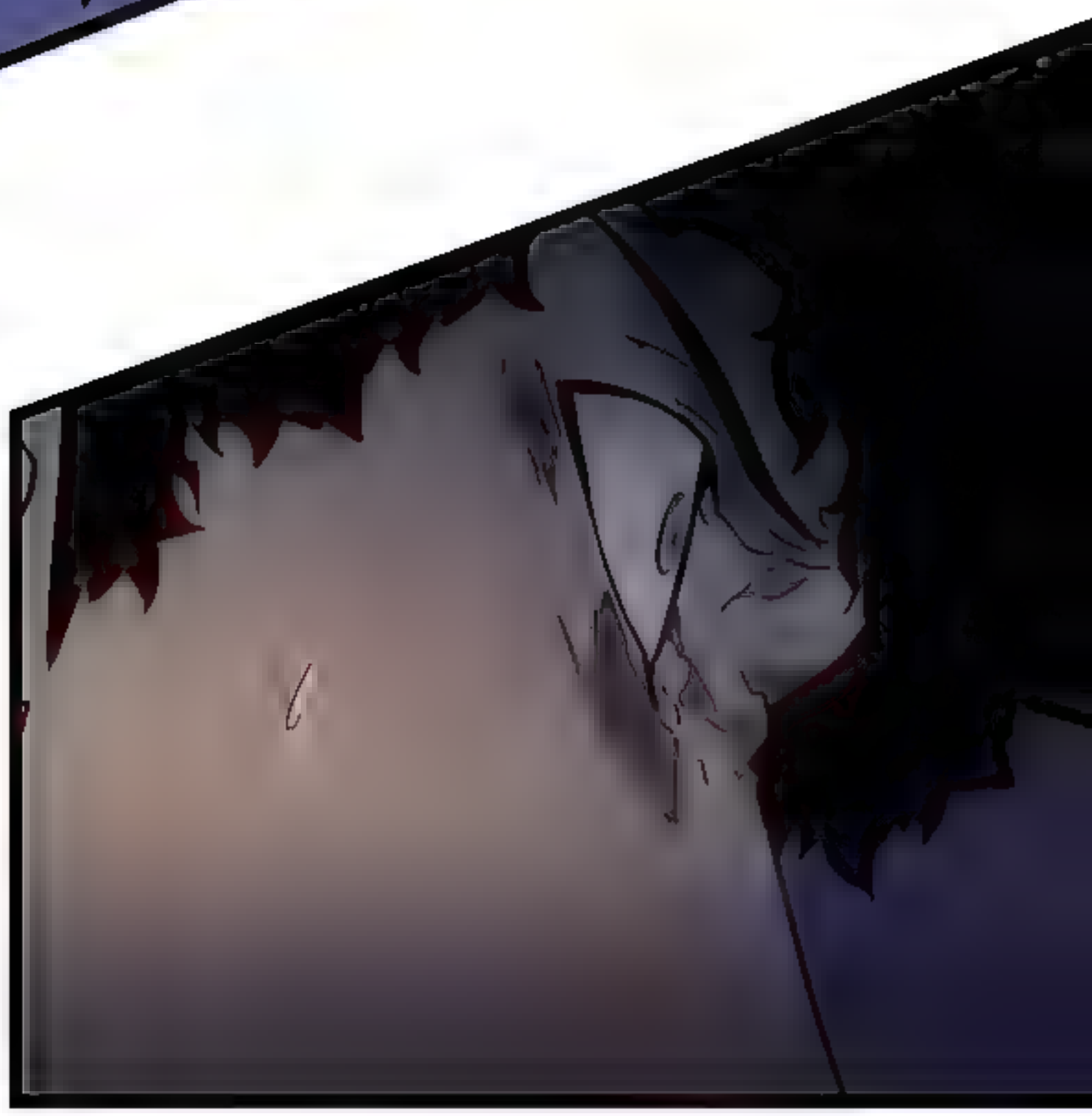
PREPARE
TO FIRE,
EVERYONE!

ON MY SIGNAL!

OUR TARGET IS
THE BEAST THAT
LOOKS LIKE AN
ICE ELF!



"BADUM"



BADUM

HOW...

HOW CAN
THIS BE...?!

BADUM

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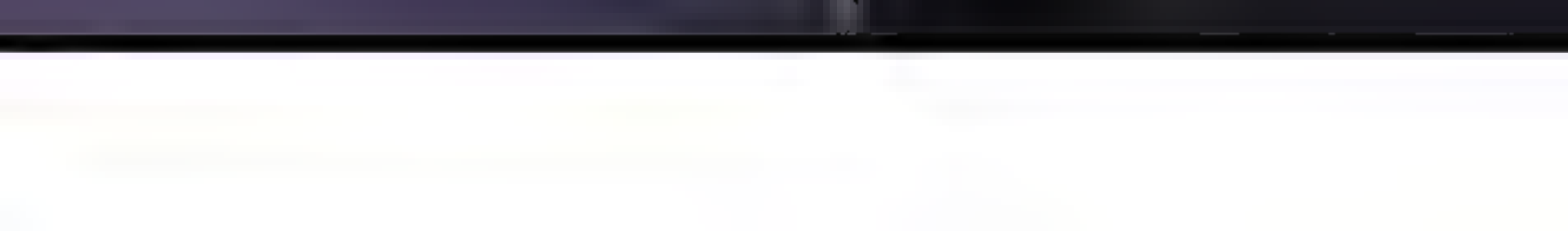
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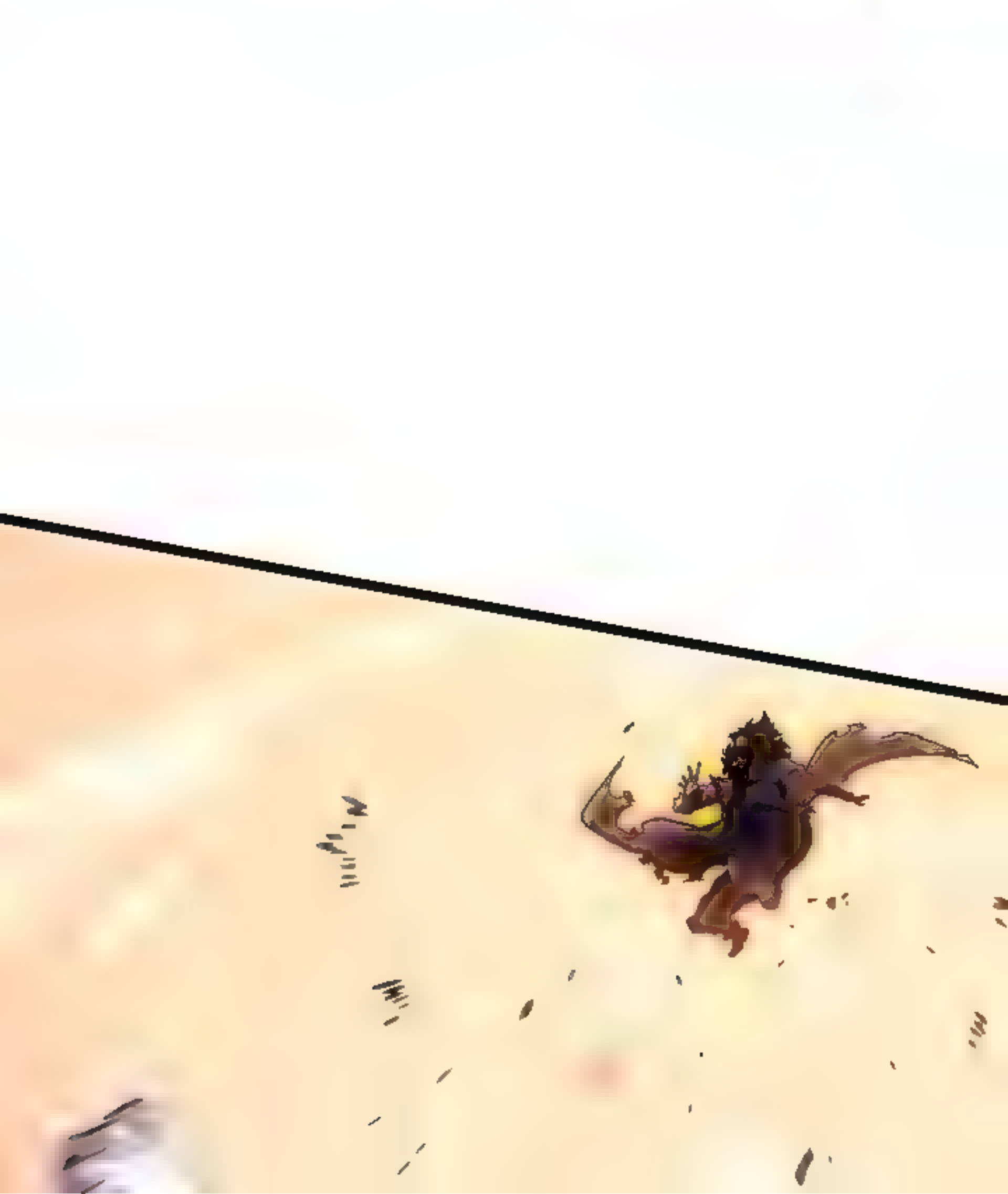
WAIT, DON'T
TELL ME...!

NO,
THAT CANNOT
HAPPEN.

WE CANNOT
HAVE THE TRUE KING
DESCEND AFTER THE
FAKE ONE HAS DIED!
WE MUST STOP THAT
FROM HAPPENING AT
ALL COSTS!









THWACK





IS TO LAY A
FINGER ON
THIS CHILD.



IN ANOTHER
WORLD,

THERE WAS LIGHT AND
AT A TIME WHEN
NOTHING ELSE EXISTED.

THE "ABSOLUTE
BEING" SPLIT THE
LIGHT TO CREATE
MESSENGERS
OF GOD,

AND SPLIT
THE DARKNESS TO
CREATE THE EIGHT
MONARCHS.

THE MONARCHS WHO
WERE BORN TO DESTROY

WENT DOWN TO DESTROY
THE WORLD...



...AND THE MESSENGERS
WHO WERE BORN TO MAINTAIN
IT... KILLED EACH OTHER'S
SOLDIERS TO NO END.

EXHAUSTED BY THE
NEVER-ENDING WAR,

THE GREATEST
FRAGMENT OF BRILLIANT
LIGHT ASKED THE
ABSOLUTE BEING...



OH, ABSOLUTE BEING.
WHY HAVE YOU NOT
HELPED YOUR FAITHFUL
SUBJECTS?


CAN YOU NOT HEAR
THE SCREAMS OF THE
COUNTLESS SOLDIERS
WHO HAVE DIED IN
YOUR HONOR?

PLEASE LEND
US THE STRENGTH
TO ERADICATE OUR
FOES.

WE SHALL BEHEAD
THEM AND OFFER
YOU THEIR HEADS
AS TRIBUTE.

BUT THE ABSOLUTE
BEING DID NOT
RESPOND.





THAT IS WHEN THE
FRAGMENTS OF BRILLIANT
LIGHT REALIZED THAT...

...THEIR BATTLE AGAINST
THE MONARCHS WAS
NOTHING BUT A SOURCE OF
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE
ABSOLUTE BEING...

...AND THAT THE
ABSOLUTE BEING DID
NOT WANT THE WAR
TO END.

THOU SHALL WORSHIP GOD.

EVERYONE
WORSHIPPED
THE ABSOLUTE
BEING.

THOU SHALL PRAISE GOD.

EVERYONE BELLOWED
BATTLE CRIES FOR THE
ABSOLUTE BEING.

THOU SHALL PROVE THY FAITH.

EVERYONE SWORE
ALLEGIANCE TO THE
ABSOLUTE BEING WITH
THEIR BLOOD AND
LIFE.

THEY ALL
ABIDED BY THE
COMMANDMENTS
UNTIL NOW.

**THOSE WHO FAIL TO OBEY
THESE COMMANDMENTS
SHALL NOT BE SPARED.**

BUT THE NUMBER OF LIVES
THAT WERE LOST VASTLY
OUTNUMBERED THOSE WHO
OVERCAME DEATH.



DEATH AWAITED EVEN
THOSE WHO ABIDED BY
THE COMMANDMENTS.



THE WAR WILL
NEVER END AS LONG
AS THE ABSOLUTE
BEING EXISTS.



THE FRAGMENTS
OF BRILLIANT LIGHT
DREW THEIR SWORDS
TO PUT AN END TO THE
MEANINGLESS
FIGHT.

IT WAS A
REBELLION.



POINT

THAT IS
MY FORMER
SELF.

I WAS THE ONLY
MESSENGER OF
GOD WHO STOOD
UP AGAINST THE
REBELS.



BUT MY ARMY
WAS A PITIFUL
SIGHT.

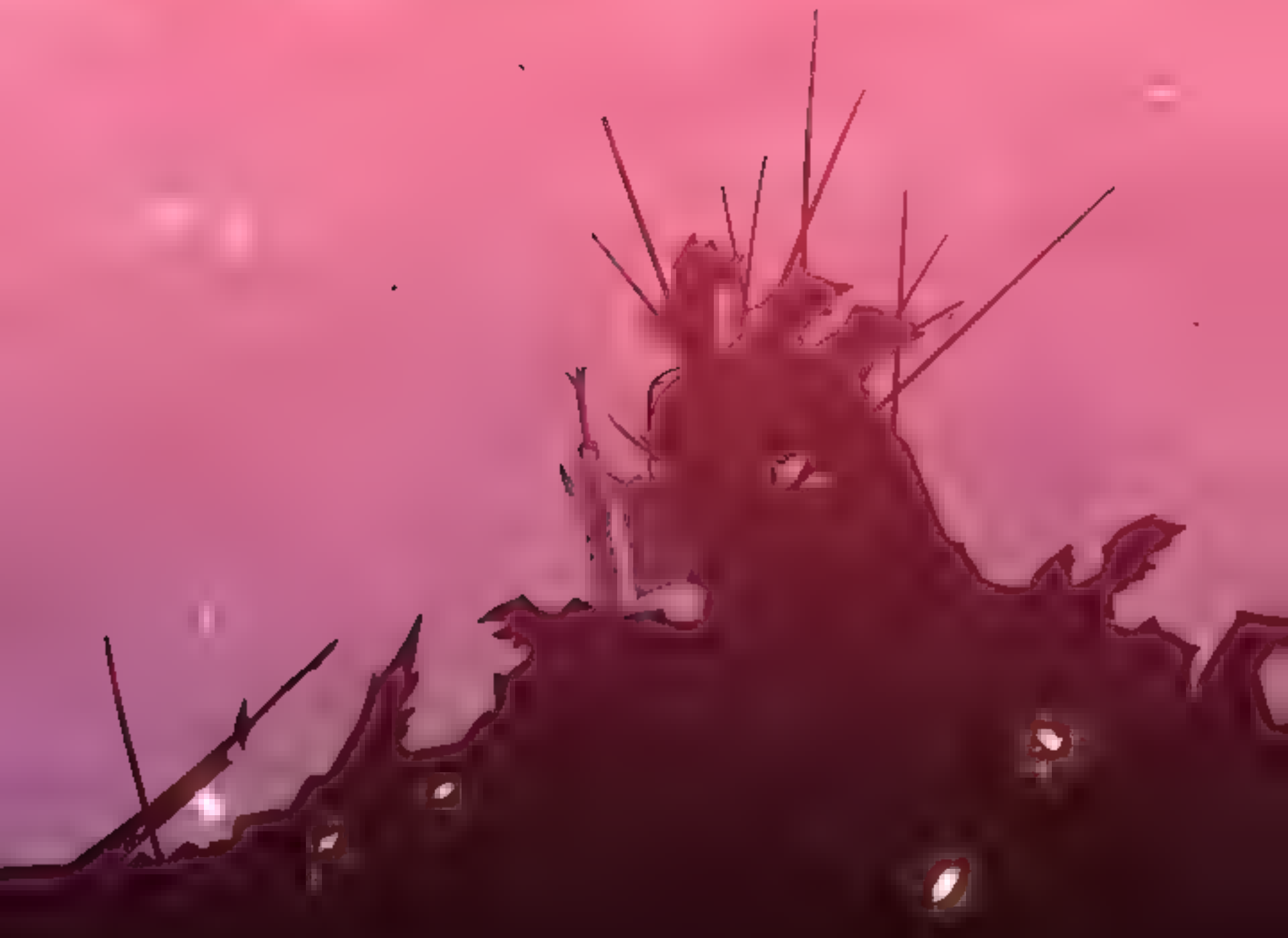


THEY WERE
NO MATCH FOR
THE ALLIED
MESSENGERS.

I THOUGHT
THE END HAD
COME.

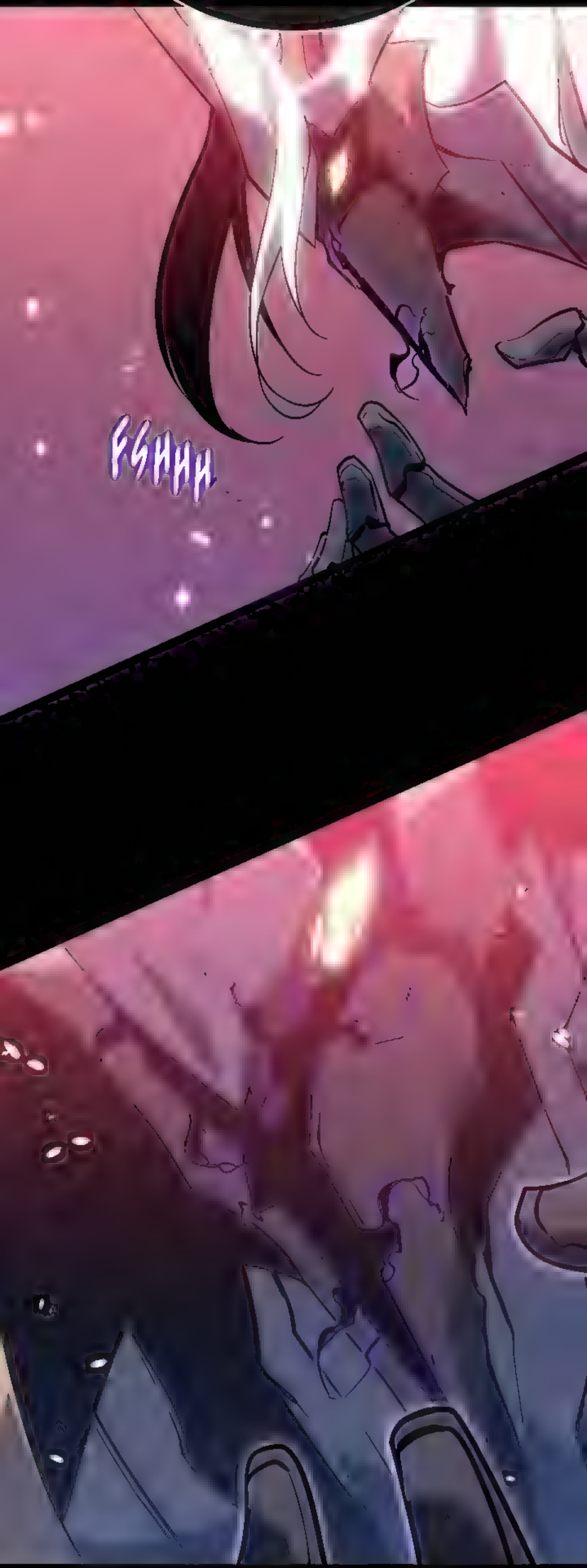


BUT WHEN I
OPENED MY EYES
IN THE DARK...

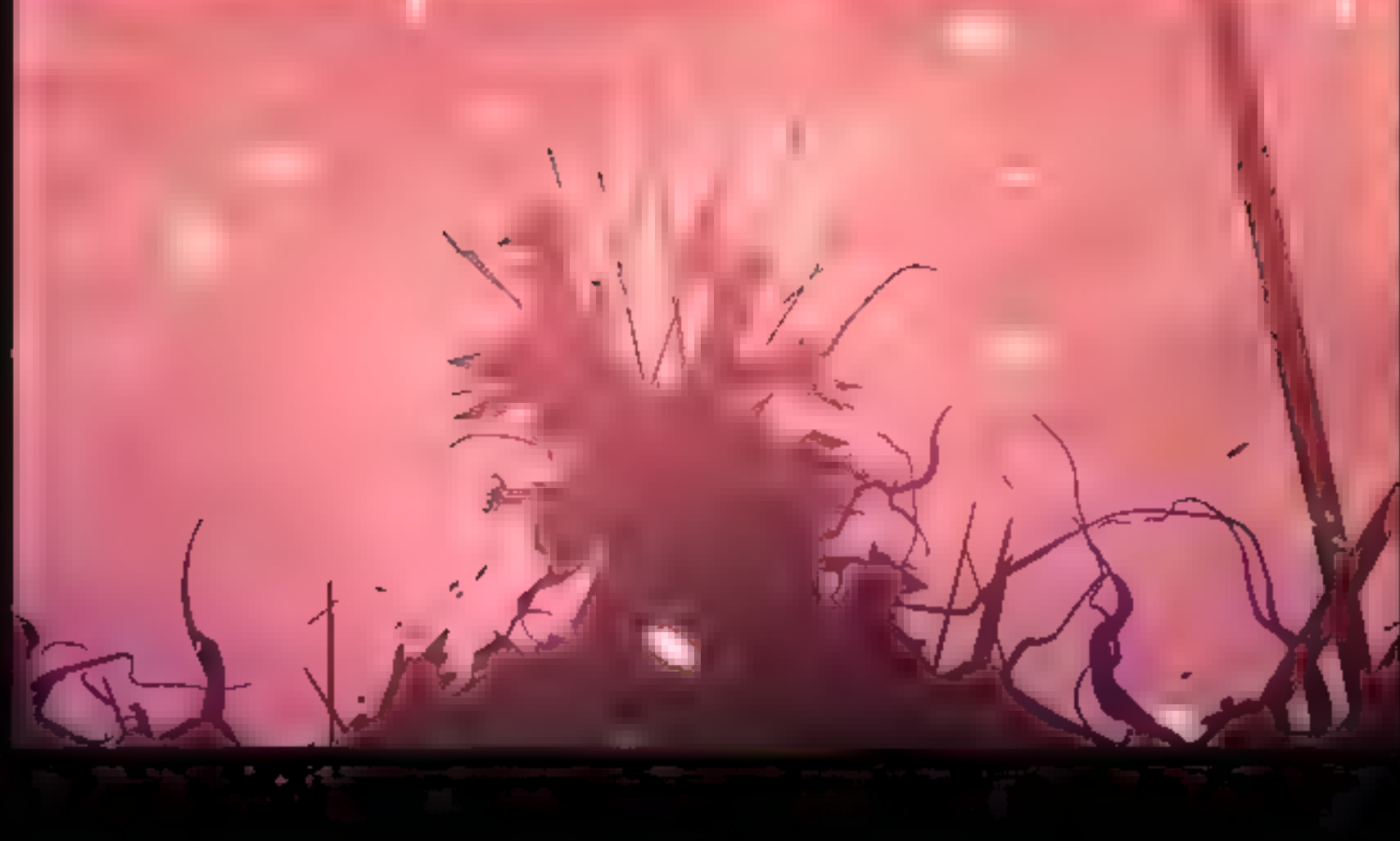




...I LEARNED THAT
THE ABSOLUTE BEING
HAD HIDDEN A POWER
WITHIN ME.



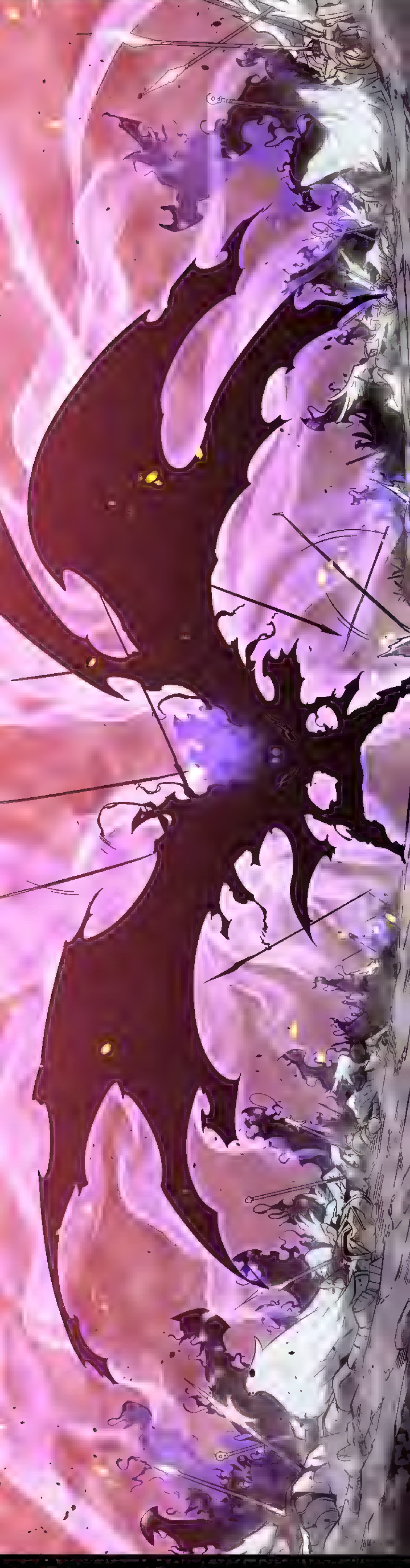
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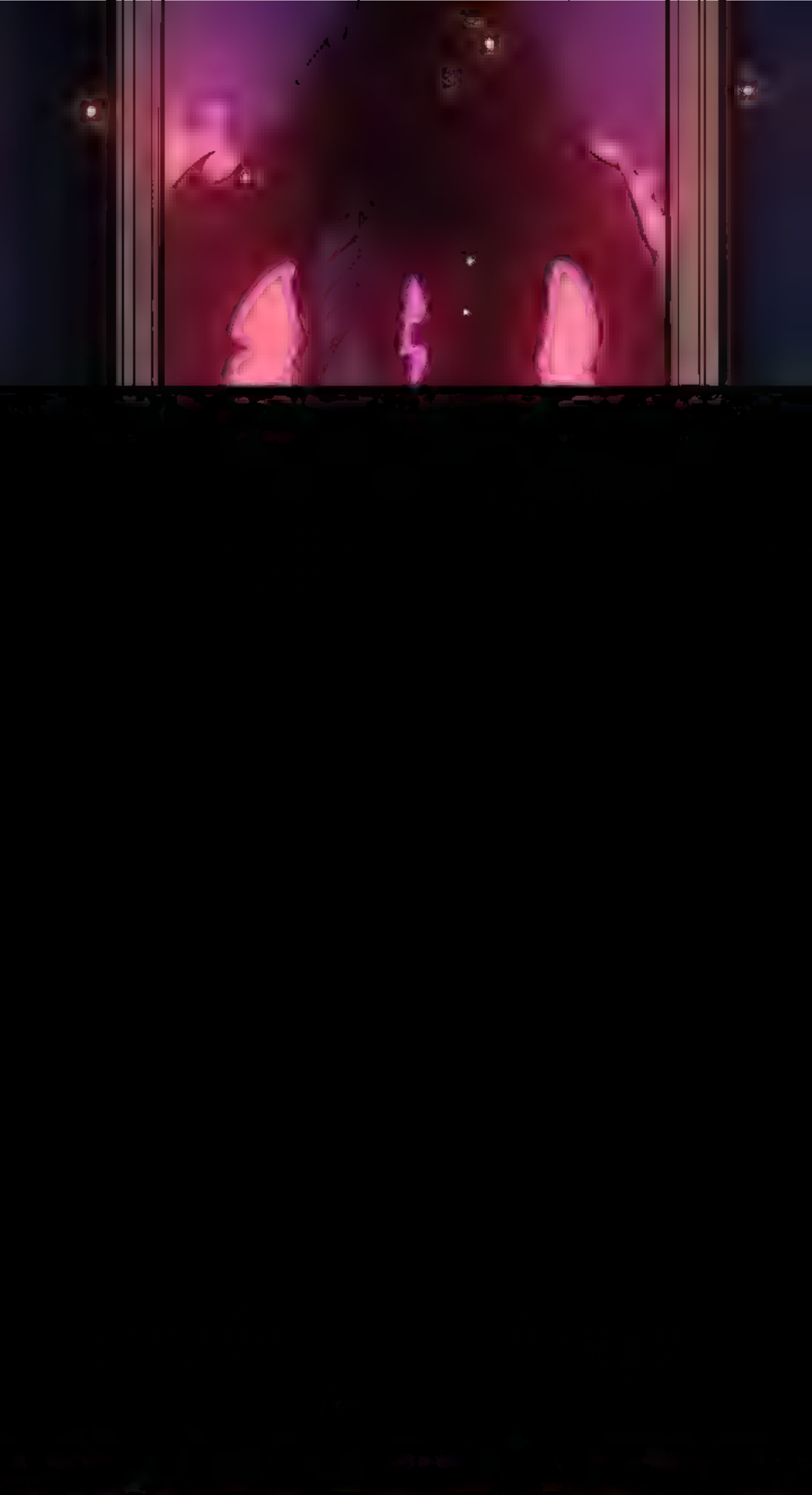
ARISE.





I LED MY
NEW ARMY INTO
BATTLE.

HOWEVER...



...BY THE TIME I
RETURNED, EVERYTHING
WAS ALREADY OVER.



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